

TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT (TCWD)

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SERVICE AREA AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance and implementing Enforcement Response Plan. The TCWD Board will open the public hearing on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room at the TCWD Business Offices located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679.

At such public hearing all interested persons may appear and present comments concerning the proposed adoption of the TCWD 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance and implementing Enforcement Response Plan (ERP).

The complete Ordinance and ERP are available for review at TCWD's Business Offices located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679, between the normal business hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments on the proposed Ordinance scheduled for adoption may be made during the public hearing, or by providing written comments in advance to TCWD, Attention: District Engineer at the above referenced address. Please reference the public hearing and subject matter in any correspondence. Written comments must be received, not mailed, not later than the opening of the public hearing, as listed above, in order to be considered by the TCWD Board of Directors. For further information, you may contact Hector Ruiz, District Engineer, at (949) 858-0277, Extension 117.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT 2012 WASTE DISCHARGE PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) Board of Directors intends to adopt the TCWD 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance and implementing Enforcement Response Plan (ERP). Following the close of the public hearing, as referenced in the Notice of Public Hearing, shown above, the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District intends and expects to adopt the TCWD 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance and implementing Enforcement Response Plan. This action may occur at the meeting of the Board of Directors to occur on January 18, 2012. Interested persons may attend the meeting of the Board of Directors to be conducted on January 18, 2012.

The full text of the TCWD 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance and implementing Enforcement Response Plan is extensive. A Summary of the TCWD 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance is set forth below. The full text of the proposed Ordinance is posted on the District's internet website at:

www.tcwd.ca.gov

The complete Ordinance and ERP are also available for review at TCWD's Business Offices located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUMMARY OF 2012 WASTE DISCHARGE PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE

The 2012 Waste Discharge Pretreatment Ordinance (Ordinance) revises existing pretreatment regulations for compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and various regulatory agency requirements in order to prevent the introduction of pollutants into, and prevent interference with, sewerage facilities, and to encourage reclamation of wastewater. The Ordinance includes specific permitting, inspection, monitoring, sampling, notification and reporting requirements, and fines and penalties for violations of the requirements. The Ordinance establishes quality and quantity limitations on all wastewater discharges and imposes pretreatment requirements on the degree of waste authorized to be discharged to TCWD sewerage facilities within TCWD's service areas. The Ordinance provides for the issuance of permits to impose additional case-by-case requirements as appropriate and establishes fees for permitting, inspection and monitoring. The Ordinance applies to industrial users, within TCWD's service boundaries, who by permit or agreement make use of facilities within the South Orange County Wastewater Authority's region. The terms provide notice of federal requirements for facility inspections, frequency of reporting and random and limited inspections for implementation of the waste discharge pretreatment and source control program regulations of 40 CFR 403, *et seq.*

Administrative complaints can be issued for violations of the Ordinance, compliance schedules, permit conditions, effluent limitation and permit suspension or revocation orders. The daily administrative penalties which can be imposed range from \$2,000 per day for failing to file reports, to \$5,000 per day for exceeding waste discharge requirements, to \$10 per gallon for discharges violating suspensions, cease and desist orders, or other prohibitions. Appeal procedures are provided in the Ordinance. Through judicial enforcement, TCWD may seek penalties up to \$25,000 per violation, per day. Criminal penalties provide misdemeanor enforcement punishable by up to \$1,000 in fines and/or 30 days imprisonment. Violators can be enjoined from discharging to the sewer system, and violations of the Ordinance can constitute a public nuisance, subject to the above described criminal and other penalties.

The local limits in the Ordinance regulate industrial waste discharges to wastewater treatment plants that are within the TCWD service boundaries or facilities to which TCWD wastewater facilities are connected. These limits affect business and industrial facilities in the TCWD region, including Trabuco Canyon and Rancho Santa Margarita. Listed below are the local limits in mg/L (milligrams per Liter) for each specific pollutant:


Arsenic	=	3.4	Lead	=	4.9	Zinc	=	7.9
Cadmium	=	0.93	Mercury	=	0.19	Cyanide	=	4.3
Chromium	=	4.9	Nickel	=	9.5	Oil & Grease	=	300
Copper	=	7.2	Silver	=	2.8			

The related Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) supports TCWDs' responsibility to enforce all applicable pretreatment requirements. General enforcement terms are established in the Ordinance, but specific application and possible enforcement actions are set forth in the ERP. The goal of the ERP is to ensure that compliance monitoring and enforcement actions are executed in a consistent, fair, and timely manner for business and industrial facilities discharging in the TCWD service area.

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